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To: Rural Medical Access Program Interested Parties

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Re: 2024 Rural Medical Access Program Application

Rural Medical Access Program Background:

The Rural Medical Access Program (RMAP) is jointly administered by Maine Rural Health and Primary Care Program and the Bureau of Insurance. The program promotes obstetrical and prenatal care in federally designated Medically Underserved Areas/Populations and Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas of Maine through assistance with insurance premiums for eligible obstetricians and family or general practice physicians. To be considered for RMAP, physicians must be practicing in Maine, have performed deliveries and/or provided prenatal care and have malpractice insurance for prenatal care and/or obstetrical services, all for at least the period of July 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023.

Priority determination:

1. Physicians whose practices are located in federally designated Medically Underserved Areas/Populations or Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas*, who practice at least 50% of the time in underserved areas, and whose practice includes at least 10% MaineCare patient visits.
2. Physicians whose practices are not located in federally designated Medically Underserved Areas/Populations or Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas but are located in Primary Care Analysis Areas of under 20,000 population and at least 50% of the visits are patients from federally designated underserved areas and/or MaineCare.

* To find out if your site qualifies: <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/hpsa-find>

The application for the RMAP program can be found at: <https://submit.link/11T>. Applications will be accepted from March 15, 2024, starting at 9:00 AM, the website will not open until that time. Applications must be submitted by May 3, 2024, by close of business.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (207) 287-5524.